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1. THE TDB PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND PROGRAM OF WORK IS FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE MOST PART ACCEPTABLE TO US.

2. WE BELIEVE AGENDA ITEM THREE MAY PROVIDE THE DEVELOPING

COUNTRIES WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO AIR PROBLEMS ON THEIR TRADE WITH CEMA. THE LDCS SHOULD TAKE THE LEAD IN THIS AREA, HOWEVER. THE U.S. IS NOT IN A POSITION TO OFFER SUGGESTIONS

ON TRIPARTITE COOPERATION. IT HAS HAD LITTLE EXPERIENCE WITH SUCH PROJECTS. WE ALSO WISH TO AVOID DISCUSSION IN UNCTAD ON EAST-WEST TRADE, WHICH REMAINS WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF ECE.

- 3. HOWEVER, WE QUESTION WHETHER SESSIONAL COMMITTEE TWO SHOULD TREAT ONLY AGENDA ITEM THREE. WE BELIEVE THE SESSIONAL COMMITTEE TWO COULD RELIEVE SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ONE'S HEAVY BURDEN BY HANDLING AGENDA ITEM 5(B) ON MANUFACTURES AS WELL AS AGENDA ITEM THREE. IF THE MISSION AGREES WITH US, IT SHOULD SUGGEST THIS.
- 4. WE BELIEVE THE INSCRIPTION OF THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF PROBLEMS OF TRADE, DEVELOPMENT FINANCE, AND THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM AS A SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM MAY GIVE THE SUBJECT MORE PROMINENCE THAN IT DESERVES. WE SUGGEST IT BE INCLUDED AS A PART OF ITEM FIVE. WE NOTE THAT THE ANNOTED AGENDA STATES THAT A REPORT ON INTERDEPENDENCE WILL BE BEFORE THE BOARD. THE JUNE 19-23 EXPERTS GROUP ON INTERDEPENDENCE DID NOT PREPARE A REPORT ON THE MEETING, BUT THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT SAID IT PLANNED TO PREPARE ONE FOR THE TDB. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE NATURE OF THE SECRETARIAT'S REPORT ON INTERDEPENDENCE AND PARTICULARLY WOULD LIKE TO LEARN WHAT IT SAYS ABOUT THE JUNE MEETING ON INTERDEPENDENCE. IF POSSIBLE, WE WOULD LIKE A COPY OF THE REPORT WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE TDB MEETING.

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5. WE SEE THAT UNDER AGENDA ITEM 5(C)(IV), THE TDB WILL RECEIVE A SECRETARIAT REPORT ON THE UN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THIS, BUT WE DO NOT WANT UNCTAD TO MEDDLE IN OR ATTEMPT TO DIRECT THE COW. VANCE

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